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families of jawans about non-receipt of family remittances. He took up the matter with the Commanding Officers of the Units concerned to advise the serving personnel to arrange for the early remittance of money to their families. He has received replies from some of the Commanding Officers stating that they have advised the Jawans to send promptly family remittances and replies to letters. He has also kept the families informed of the position.

The Collector of Madurai has also received petitions from the dependents of jawans complaining about the non-receipt of family remittances for two or three months. In about 14 such deserving and hard cases, the Collector has sanctioned the payment of cash grants to the value of Rs. 1,788.55 from the Jawans Relief Fund. In other cases, he has requested the concerned Municipal Commissioners and Panchayat Union Commissioners to visit the families to ascertain their needs with a view to extend all possible assistance.

The question of making arrangements either for sending family remittances regularly or for sending intimation as to the reasons for stopping the remittances has been taken up with the Ministry of Defence.

* 343 கேள்வி.—திரு. கரு. சீமைச்சாமி : கனம் முதல் அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) தமிழகத்திலுள்ள ராணுவ வீரர்களின் குடும்ப நலத்தை கவனிக்க அரசு நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துள்ளதா ?

(இ) ஆம் என்றால், விவரம் என்ன ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government have constituted a Committee for Troops' Amenities and Welfare of Jawans' Families. The District Collectors have also formed similar Committees in their districts. The members of these Committees attend to the welfare and needs of the families of Jawans.

Bonus Act

* 344 *Q.*—SRI G. E. CHINNADURAI :
SRI J. MATHA GOWDER : } Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the Bonus Act has affected adversely the quantum of bonus payable to the Tea Plantation staff as well as the Tea Plantation Workers : and

(*b*) if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration to exempt the Tea Plantations from the purview of the Bonus Act, as provided for under Section 36 of the Bonus Act?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No